

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, *Opening Doors: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness* set a bold and audacious goal to end veteran homelessness in the United States before the end of 2015; and

WHEREAS, Over the last three years, the federal government, states and communities have achieved a 24 percent decrease in homelessness among veterans during a time when our country was facing the worst recession since the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, On June 2, 2014, the Joining Forces Initiative is sponsored by the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and announced a growing coalition of mayors, governors, and county officials working to meet the goal of ending veteran homelessness in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Washoe County is committed to serving the needs of low-income and homeless persons in the community; and

WHEREAS, Washoe County supports the goal of the Mayors' Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness and that every veteran should have access to permanent housing and the support to achieve housing stability; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Washoe County Board of Commissioners supports the goals of the Mayors' Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness and is committed to ending veteran homelessness in our community before the end of 2015.

ADOPTED this 28th day of October, 2014

David Humke, Chairman
Washoe County Board of Commissioners

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